

CEQA # 13954  
Project # 23-28



**State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Diablo Range District  
15751 Tesla Road  
Livermore, CA 94550

**PROJECT TITLE:** Hollister Hills Geotechnical Survey

**LOCATION:** Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area

**COUNTY:** San Benito

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project is to conduct soil tests around the main entrance to Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area to identify soil conditions to guide the future construction of a new vehicle bridge. Work will use a truck-mounted auger to drill up to twelve (12) holes, 8-inches in diameter and up to 75 feet deep. Representative soil samples will be recorded, and the holes will be back filled with excavated materials.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Diablo Range District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption

*Class:* 1, 4 and 6

*Section:* 15301, 15304 and 15306

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or expansion of use beyond current levels; minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and consists of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and is included as "soils and structural engineering tests" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4. No exceptions to the exemptions apply.

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